

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HELD TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 1987, AT 7:00 P.M.  
IN THE OASIS LOUNGE, CAMPUS CENTRE, LOYOLA CAMPUS**

**DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:**

Academic Materials Fee Update  
Education V.P. Report  
Communications V.P. Report  
Student Life V.P. Report

**1.1 Roll Call:**

**PRESENT:**

**Co-Presidents:**

Karen Takacs  
Scott White

**Commerce:**

Tony Ghannamy

**Engineering:**

Jon Jolivet

**Arts and Science:**

Maria Calderone  
Jeannette Chayer  
Glen Cheverie  
Joe Fortune  
Mark Legault  
Jim Locke  
Effie Panousos  
Linda Piovesan  
Emma Tibaldo

**ABSENT:**

Arts and Science: Mike Foster, Bettina Rosenberg, Morty Shapiro (W/R)  
Commerce: Karen Ashton (W/R), Andrew Bayouk, Scott Bergen, Lyse Edery,  
Aris Kekedjian  
Engineering: Dan Artola, Patrick Douek (W/R), Louis Hotte  
Fine Arts: Ian Fleet (W/R), Francois Gurik, Keren Penney (W/R)

**Advisors to the Board Present:** Alexandre Ciocilteu, Chairperson,  
Judicial Board; Brent Jones, Services V.P.; Craig McNamee, Finance  
V.P.; Scott Robertson, Education V.P.; Paul Zaleski, Communications  
V.P.

**1.2 Call to Order:**

Acting Chairperson Paul Gott called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.  
without quorum. There were no objections to proceeding with the  
informational aspects of the Agenda.

TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 1987, 7:00 P.M.

**5 Reports:****5.1 Co-Presidents' Report:**

Karen Takacs reported that regarding the Bob Bruce case which was scheduled to be heard in court in February, CUSA's lawyer was investigating the possibility of an out-of-court settlement. However, Bob Bruce has escaped from a mental institution and there will be no developments in this case until his whereabouts are discovered.

Regarding the Engineering and Computer Science Students' Association (ECA), Karen Takacs reported that the Co-Presidents has met with ECA on January 15 and again today, and will meet again in two weeks' time. ECA has agreed to pay for the amount owed while CUSA was handling their finances. ECA has also agreed to start negotiations for a service contract.

Karen Takacs stated that the Co-Presidents had met with Vice-Rectors Giguere and Cohen, and although terms still have to be negotiated, it has been approved in principle that CUSA will receive money from the Part-time Students' Fund and Cusa Centre Inc.

Karen Takacs reported that Sexual Harassment Awareness Week was held from January 26th to 30th. There were two sessions sponsored by CUSA for undergraduate students. There was a video shown in these sessions and several requests have been received from people who would like to show it in their classes. The Status of Women Office was very pleased with the response, and overall the week was very successful.

Regarding the Academic Materials Fee, an update on Bettina Rosenberg's case was distributed to Directors. At her court appearance on January 29th, the judge ruled that lawyers would not be allowed to represent the parties (against the wishes of Concordia University). The next date has been set for March 17th at 9:00 a.m. in Small Claims Court.

Scott White reported that a special meeting of the Board of Governors was being convened for Thursday morning to appoint the new chancellor whose identity will not be revealed until that time. Also, the appointment of the Dean of Engineering and Computer Science will be announced at that time. He further reported that at the last Board of Governors meeting, the title of the presiding officer was debated. The Rector proposed "Chair" on the advice of the Status of Women Office, however the lawyers argued that "Chair" refers to the office and not the person. It was decided that the title will be "Chairman/Chairwoman".

Scott White reported that the International Clubs funded by the Dean of Students would not be funded next year. There will be a meeting on Friday to see if the groups could come under CUSA. The groups are worried about their status and whether their arrangements can be maintained. This would happen as a result of the proposed CCSL budget (see Student Life V.P. Report). The next CCSL meeting is Friday, February 13th and the budget will be decided on at that meeting. There are cuts proposed for the Dean of Students Office, the art

workshop, the music lending library, and various options regarding athletics (one of which is a reduction to men's varsity athletics).

Scott White commented on the story that appeared on the front page of "The Concordian" concerning CUSA's finances. He stated that the article was full of mistakes and did not make any sense. Karen Takacs stated that CUSA was being criticized for letting groups overspend as a result of human error. She added that the Co-Presidents will write a response to the paper.

Scott White reported that Sandra Cappelli had resigned from the Board of Governors. This opening has been advertised and there are several candidates at this time. The deadline for applying is February 6th. He stated that the Hiring and Appointments Committee would be making their decision before the February 19th meeting of the Board of Governors. He asked for volunteers to serve on the Hiring and Appointments Committee, and Linda Piovesan, Jeannette Chayer and Paul Zaleski offered.

Scott White alerted the Board to an upcoming issue: a referendum to raise the fee. The Board will have to approve the amount of the increase, and the referendum will be held at the time of the general elections.

Karen Takacs reported that the proposal for the Women's Centre will be discussed at a meeting on February 19th at the Simone de Beauvoir Institute. She stated that there should be a Women's Centre by the end of the year.

## 5.2 Executive Reports:

Reports were distributed from the Communications V.P., Education V.P., and Student Life V.P.

Finance V.P. Craig McNamee reported that he is working on financial policy recommendations, and that these recommendations will be distributed to the Directors' boxes before the next Board meeting. He also stated that he was irate at the story in "The Concordian" referred to earlier by Scott White, especially because it was a headline story on the front page. He added that he has been questioned by several groups whether CUSA is as slack as was reported. He further reported that four more student association budgets were received in December and these will be finished by the next Board meeting.

On behalf of the External Committee, Jeannette Chayer reported that the External Committee held an ANEQ consultation and training session on Saturday, January 31st and concentrated on two items--(1) a study of the "21 Demands from Ste-Therese" and (2) a plan of action concerning loans and bursaries. In other developments, the student negotiating committee and the government have agreed on two points: (1) that pregnant students be considered independent after three months, and (2) that a calculation table be included in the application form for loans and bursaries. On February 14th and 15th,

there will be a "reunion nationale du mouvement etudiant" and five representatives from CUSA will attend. The university coalition is dead as of today, which leaves ANEQ as the only functioning association at this time (RAEU has collapsed as well). There is a subcommittee of the External Committee working on policy development. The External Committee meets every Friday afternoon and everyone is welcome to attend.

Finance V.P. Craig McNamee added that he has met with the Grad Ball Committee, which consists of Maria Calderone, Cherine Hamam and Milva D'Aronco. He requested volunteers to help with advertising and other duties associated with the event. Glen Cheverie, Jon Jolivet and Jim Locke offered to help.

On behalf of Student Life V.P. Susan Hunt, Scott White urged Directors to read her report and ask questions. Karen Takacs stated that Susan Hunt is desperate for students' input and also stated that students should attend the CCSL meetings, especially the one on February 13th because the budget debate is so crucial.

On behalf of the Liaison Committee, Jim Locke reported that he has been working on a package for clarification of policy for clubs and associations. This package should be ready by the next Board Meeting. He asked Directors for the input in this regard. Concerning the move to CUSA of the clubs under I/EAC as reported by Scott White, he stated that he would like to see these associations and clubs ratified by the Board.

Services V.P. Brent Jones reported that the Used Book Store did very well and made money. He did not have the exact figures. He also reported that the Communications V.P. would be taking over the programming of the electronic bulletin boards.

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## **6 Question Period:**

Effie Panousos asked whether the international and ethnic clubs would receive anything from the Dean of Students Office in terms of funding or space in the event that these clubs are transferred to CUSA as a result of the CCSL budget. Karen Takacs responded that the clubs would not receive any money from the Dean of Students Office but that arrangements would be made for the clubs to keep the space they presently occupy.

Glen Cheverie asked for clarification on the amount of money that ECA has agreed to pay CUSA. Scott White stated that they have agreed to pay \$1,500 dating back to the time that CUSA was handling their finances. He added that negotiations still have to be completed for last year and this year. Glen Cheverie asked for an estimate of how much the service contract would be worth. Scott White responded that it would be a minimum of \$40,000 per year, and that last year could be as much as \$60,000.

Linda Piovesan asked whether the Liaison Committee held regularly scheduled meetings especially in view of the policy package that Jim Locke reported was being put together. Jim Locke responded that the Liaison Committee meets on Thursday afternoons at 4:00 p.m., and meets with Judicial Board on Tuesday afternoons.

Tony Ghannamy asked whether the international and ethnic clubs would keep their own constitutions, or would CUSA be able to review them and make changes. Karen Takacs stated that CUSA would be able to review them. Scott White stated that I/EAC would go through a transitional period of one year during which time the funds would go to I/EAC and then be allocated to the individual clubs. Jim Locke stated that he would prefer to see the finances handled by CUSA's Finance Department. Scott White stated that there was a preliminary meeting scheduled for Friday with the Dean of Students, I/EAC executives and the Co-Presidents. Scott White clarified that when he said earlier that these groups were being transferred to CUSA, he meant that they were being dropped as a result of the CCSL budget.

## 5 Reports:

### 5.3 Judicial Board Report:

Alexandre Ciocilteu reported that Judicial Board has been working with the Liaison Committee on the outstanding paperwork of the various groups, including constitutions. Judicial Board is also working on making an official package of policies for groups and associations. He assured the Board that this package would be presented to the Board for its approval. Regarding Motion 375 concerning the O'Keefe boycott, Alexandre Ciocilteu reported that a Director had brought to the attention of Judicial Board the possibility that the motion might be flawed. Judicial Board is conducting an investigation to see if there is enough evidence to warrant a hearing. Judicial Board is also looking at dates for the general election and will propose the third week of March at the next Board meeting.

Jeannette Chayer asked Alexandre Ciocilteu to explain the possible flaw in Motion 375. He stated that he was unable to comment on it because the investigation was under way. Chairperson Paul Gott stated the results of the investigation would have to be brought to the Board. Scott White asked if the problem could be stated. Alexandre Ciocilteu stated that a Board member pointed out a problem, and that questioning and evidence-collecting is being carried out at present. Chairperson Paul Gott stated that there would have to be a break in the constitution. He also stated that the Board members have to enforce the rules, and ensure that the Chairperson is following the rules as well.


Glen Cheverie asked if there was a by-law concerning the number of days required to call the election. Chairperson Paul Gott stated that there was no constitutional requirement.

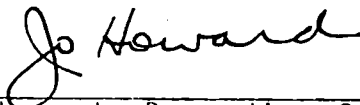
**8 Date of Next Meeting:**

Chairperson Paul Gott announced that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Tuesday, February 10th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sir George Williams Campus, Room TBA.

**10 Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

  
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Paul Gott, Chairperson

  
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Jo Howard, Recording Secretary